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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Compassionate and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As this House comes together at the end of a busy week, bless the work of its Members. May their legislative actions bring about positive results which redound to the benefit of all citizens of our Nation.

As the Members return to their home districts, fill their hearts with charity, their minds with energy, their wills with courage to listen well and reflect back, with the expertise and knowledge they possess, greater insight for American voters.

The work that they have is difficult work. May they rise together to accomplish what is best for our great Nation, and indeed for all the world.

May all that is done in the days to come be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### MY POSSIBILITIES

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly recognize the fifth anniversary and expansion of My Possibilities, a nonprofit organization serving disabled young adults in north Texas.

My Possibilities began with the vision of three dedicated mothers of special needs children. These mothers dreamed of something more for their kids beyond a high school education. After 2 years of hard work, they created the first full-day, full-year continuing education program for disabled Texans. In fact, last week, they commemorated the grand opening of a new facility in Plano so even more Texans could become lifelong learners.

My Possibilities stands as a testament to the American spirit of freedom and free enterprise. Three moms took an idea to fill a need in our community and made it a reality. That's truly remarkable. The folks at My Possibilities live up to their motto: "Make every moment count."

To the staff, board of directors, and Chairman Charmaine Solomon, thank you for your tireless efforts and your dedication.

### STOP GUN VIOLENCE

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, as I have before, on behalf of the many families victimized daily by the persistent gun violence in their communities.

As a Nation, we shudder at tragedies like the Newtown shootings. The news coverage of Newtown left a mark on our collective conscience. Yet sadly, every day, equally devastating acts of gun violence occur in urban America, often without the same media coverage.

Since Newtown, over 6,000 Americans have lost their lives to gun violence. Still, Congress has yet to act on commonsense gun reforms that would save lives. Every life lost, regardless of ZIP code, is a tragedy. It's easy to get angry and frustrated over the relentless drumbeat of death in urban America, but instead we need to turn our anger and frustration into action.

In my 3 months in Congress, I've introduced three commonsense gun bills that will help make our communities safer. Though Federal legislation alone cannot solve the gun violence epidemic, it is a strong start and a step in the right direction.

So I urge my colleagues to cosponsor these bills and take a stand with me against gun violence.

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